

DETAILED ACTION
Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

The Examiner stated that claims 1-12, 14, 16, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Screen Dumps of Windows Media Player 9 used on Windows XP (“Windows”) in view of Ludwig et al. (US 7185054).

The Examiner stated that claims 17-20, 22-24, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rodgers et al. (“Rogers”, US PG PUB # 2002/0026478 A1) in view of Ludwig et al. (US 7185054).

Although Applicant does not believe that Windows, Ludwig, and Rogers, alone or in combination, teach or suggest the limitations of independent claims 1, 17, and 22 as previously described in the prior submitted Office Action responses, purely in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the instant invention, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 17, and 22.

Currently amended independent claims 1, 17, and 22 include, in various forms, the following limitation: one or more control areas, displayed within the taskbar region, used to control the display region. Support for this limitation can be found in paragraphs 19, 21, 25-38.

Applicant does not believe that such a limitation is taught or suggested by Windows, Ludwig, and Rogers. As such, Applicant respectfully believes that these claims, as well as the claims that depend from them, are in condition for allowance and respectfully request they be passed to allowance.

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